

Thursday, April 8, 1999

Atlas II rocket arrival foretells GOES-L launch



Chandra being fueled, readied for booster arrival

▲ **An Atlas IIA rocket** arrived Tuesday, April 6, at Cape Canaveral Air Station, aboard a C-5C aircraft (photo at right). The rocket is scheduled to launch the NASA **GOES-L** satellite on May 15. GOES-L, the fourth of a new advanced series of geostationary weather satellites for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is a three-axis inertially stabilized spacecraft that will provide pictures and perform atmospheric sounding at the same time. Once launched, the satellite will undergo checkout and then provide backup capabilities for the existing, aging GOES East weather satellite.



▲ **Chandra Update:** Final fueling is underway for the Chandra X-ray Observatory in the Vertical Processing Facility (VPF), to conclude on April 15. After that the spacecraft's batteries will be installed. Chandra will then be ready for the arrival at the VPF of the Inertial Upper Stage Booster on April 19, as scheduled.

◆ **Buy Tickets Today for the 1999 KSC All-American Picnic:** Tickets are available at any KSC NASA Exchange Retail Store, or from any of the following individuals/locations: Ken Williams, 867-1624, HMF, TR 622; Lynn Cassell, 861-1022, OPF HB-1, Mezz, Room 241; Carol Swem, 799-5527, NSLD 1, Room 420; Peggy Bennett, 861-5254, Logistics, Room 1775; Debbie Norris, 799-7001, NSLD 2, Room 614; Jerri Thews, 861-6333, VAB, Room 2K12; Peggy Parrish, 476-4000, Hangar I Annex, Bldg 55150, Room 204; Tiffany Nail, 853-5081, E&O Bldg, Room 200; Cecilia Reid, 861-1340, LCC, Room 2R13; Linda Lee, 861-0100, Pad A; Pat Mecouch, 853-7587, Hangar AF. Tickets are \$4 for adults (age 13 and up); \$3 for children (ages 3-12). **Ticket prices will be an additional \$1 the day of the Picnic.**

◆ **Fore!** The NASA Kennedy Management Association (NKMA) is hosting a **Golf Tournament** on Friday, April 16. Shotgun starts are at 12:30 p.m. at The Savannahs Golf Course in Merritt Island. The cost is \$40. E-mail registration/mail FEE to Richard Quinn, OP-ESO-B, 7-3381 or to any NKMA Officer. For additional and most current information, link to the NKMA Web Page at <http://nkma.ksc.nasa.gov/html/calendar.html>.

◆ **Did You Know?** **Volunteers are still needed** for the Basketball Free Throw, Street Hockey Shootout and Putt Putt Golf events at the 1999 KSC All-American Picnic. If you would like to volunteer for one hour or more, please contact Cindy Coddington at 867-3758, or Wanda Redmond at 861-3510.

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